

## COMMITTEES A CHANCE

Subject and Pass Upon Some of the Many Bills that Have Been Introduced.

## GOVERNOR SENT IN HIS NOMINATIONS.

They Were Confirmed and Others Will Be Today—Daughters of the Republic Presented Historic Gavel to the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker.

Austin, Texas, January 18.—The legislature was in session but a short while before the necessity of giving the different committees time to organize in shape to get at the many bills and resolutions which have already been introduced.

Of the bills introduced in the senate the one by Potter to allow sheriffs to receive fees for pursuing and capturing criminals that have escaped to other counties that they get for the same kind of service within the State was probably the most important.

A number of gubernatorial appointments were sent to the senate this morning, two of which were confirmed in executive session. The others went over tomorrow without discussion and without anything to indicate that any of them will be seriously opposed. Mr. Hill of Dallas, who has been selected for financial agent of penitentiaries and to whom some objections of a political nature have been raised some time ago, will make the landing all right, he having succeeded in getting everybody's satisfaction that there was really nothing upon which the alleged reasons given for the defeat of his confirmation.

It is barely possible, however, that the way is not so clear for at least one man on the list, although it can be confidently asserted that the governor personally assured himself in advance of fitness of each and every man named by him.

In the house some little flurry was occasioned by the introduction and discussion of a motion or two providing for sine die adjournment at the end of sixty days, but the session closed without final disposition having been made thereof.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate.

Austin, Texas, January 18.—The senate called to order this morning by Lieutenant Governor Browning.

On motion the senate read from the National Live Stock Association to be present at their next annual convention, which is to be held in Denver, January 24 to 27, and to committee on live stock and dairies.

Message was received from Governor making the following nominations: Secretary of state, D. H. Hardy of Waco; Attorney General, R. A. John of Houston; Treasurer, Thomas Sourry of Austin; Superintendent of penitentiaries, J. S. Ely of Tyler; Superintendent at Huntsville, J. H. Smith of Walker; Superintendent at Rusk, W. M. Miller of Anderson; Superintendent of penitentiaries, W. L. Hill of Dallas; Commissioner of agriculture, insurance, and history, Jefferson Johnson of Harrisburg; and revenue agent, Joe Lee Jameson of Austin.

On public buildings and grounds: Caldwell, chairman; Allen of Colorado, Barber, Browne, Maxwell, Cross, Derden, Culp, Goodlet, Henderson of Lamar, Kittrell, Lane, Little Wilkey, Willard, Tucker, Robertson of Harrisburg.

On military affairs: Vaughan, chairman; Parish, Robertson of Harrison, Dean, Tate, Lane, Evans of Fannin, Eckels, Clements.

On government and county finances: Robertson of Bell, chairman; Cocke, Crane, Crawford, Gordon, Rochelle, Jones, Murray, Childers, Bennett, Blount, Ayres, Allen of Colorado, McKellar, Mercer, Adams, Caldwell.

Bates Allen was appointed general committee clerk and Tilden Childs page. A committee on the petition of Miller, Ellis and Holtz, was appointed on the part of the house to act with a committee from the senate to arrange for Bryan's reception and entertainment on the 19th.

The house then adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The House.

Austin, Texas, January 18.—The house called to order at 10 o'clock, but on the call to the disarrangement of the chairs the call on account of the inaugural adjournment was necessary until 11 o'clock, at which time the house was called to order.

There was set up a resolution providing for the appropriation of \$250 to be used in removing and reintering the remains of Governor Wallace in the State cemetery and erecting a monument to his memory, referred to the committee on appropriations.

Barth and Dorroh offered concurrent resolutions providing for sine die adjournment March 10. A motion to lay the resolution on the table subject to call precluded a vote of 40 to 37.

There was set up a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee, to be composed of the governor, comptroller and treasurer, to inquire into the present system of levying and collecting taxes, and to make any recommendations to the legislature. Referred to the committee on finance.

By Mr. Hill—Bill to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to special venire and formation of jury in capital cases.

By Mr. Hill—Bill prescribing mileage and per diem compensation of members.

By Mr. Hill—Bill exempting cotton mills from taxation for twenty years.

By Mr. Hill—Bill to establish a State board of embalming to prevent spread of contagious diseases.

IN COMMITTEE.

Senate Judiciary No. 1.

Judiciary committee No. 1 this morning reported favorably a bill by Lewis providing that in all suits where the defendant is cited by publication and no appearance is entered within the term allowed the court shall appoint an attorney to defend such defendant and shall allow for his services to be taxed up as part of the costs of the suit.

House Judiciary No. 1.

House judiciary committee No. 1 met this afternoon. Chairman Wooten being absent on account of sickness, Schuler presided. All the bills were read and adjournment took place until 10 a. m. Friday.

House Contingent Expenses.

House committee on contingent expenses reported on bill to amend act relating to approved accounts of sergeant-at-arms and approved accounts of water pitchers. The bill was passed and adjournment took place until 10 a. m. Friday.

House State Affairs.

House committee on State affairs reported favorably by Ratcliff reducing license on ten pin alleys from \$1000 to \$250. Bills relating to contract interest were discussed, but no action taken.

Senate Judiciary No. 2.

Senate judiciary committee No. 2 this morning reported on the following bills: Afternoon session on the bill by Yantis defining "legal" and "conventional" interest and fixing legal interest at 6 per cent and reducing conventional interest from 10 to 8 per cent.

Favorably on Morris' bill allowing actual mileage traveled to sheriffs and constables serving papers in civil cases.

Favorably on Terrell's bill providing that witnesses in criminal cases which have been transferred from one county to another on change of venue shall receive fees without being attached or re-summoned, and also to pay witnesses attached before grand juries.

Unfavorably on Sebastian's bill providing that where a party applies a wife's right to another party to whom the wife was applied shall not be guilty of crime if he assaults the other.

## CATTLEMEN OF TEXAS.

Interesting Papers Were Read Before the Association.

THE LEGISLATURE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE

In Carrying Out the Experiments Now Being Conducted at the A. and M. College.

Galveston, Texas, January 18.—It was 10:30 when the second day's session of the Texas Live Stock Association was called to order at Harmony hall this morning. The hall was disagreeably chilly and overcast and many were kept on during the exercises. Only a few members were present at the beginning, but others strayed in later and a hundred or more listened to the papers read.

There were some committee reports to be made, but none of the members were present and the matter was passed.

The first topic under discussion was "Exportation of Live Stock from Texas Ports," a paper by C. H. McMaster, secretary of the Galveston chamber of commerce. He was absent, but A. S. Reed of Fort Worth submitted a few remarks. He said his views on this subject have undergone a change since he came to Galveston, and the points he intended to make would be left unsaid. However, he was of the opinion that every member of the association was anxious to see the export of Texas cattle developed. Before this can be done, however, Mr. Reed thinks it will be necessary to have a live stock market in Texas from which suitable stock for export can be secured.

"Is the Tick the Sole Carrier of Splenic Fever?" was a paper to be discussed by Captain John Tod of Corpus Christi. Hon. R. J. Kleberg of Alamo, Dr. M. Francis of College Station and Dr. J. A. F. of Austin. None of the gentlemen were present, however, and the topic went over.

The Cuban cattle trade was to have been discussed by Colonel Ike Pryor of San Antonio, who is the pioneer in this business, but he was not present.

Colonel W. E. Skinner of Fort Worth was also absent, and the recent dipping experiments at the stock yards there had to be passed.

The first paper read was by J. F. Green of Encinal on "The Best Methods of Successful Breeding for Beef." Mr. Green thinks as much intelligence is required in the successful breeding of cattle as in any other line of business. He was an earnest advocate of pure breeds and earnestly urged the necessity of breeding so as to turn out leaders at home.

Prof. J. H. Connell of College Station discussed the experiments in feeding cattle that are now in progress at the Agricultural and Mechanical college. The live stock association appointed a committee some time ago to assist in carrying out this work, and to provide the cattle necessary for the purpose. Prof. Connell said that two head of cattle from Nueces county were selected for this purpose, all of them being of equal weight and grade as far as possible. The cattle were divided into three groups and each group fed differently. Cottonseed meal and hulls, however, were given to all the stock, but in varying proportions, so as to ascertain the proper amount to feed. It is the intention to feed these cattle for a period of 140 days. During that time an accurate record will be kept of the amount of feed consumed, the different kinds, in what proportions, etc. Prof. Connell's paper was an exhaustive treatment of the subject and was illustrated with maps and drawings.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado followed with a few words on the same subject, and in that connection said he had found feeding of 2-year-olds the most profitable.

R. K. Erwin of Waxahachie read a paper on the relation of the farmer and cattleman. Colonel E. S. Peters of Galveston, president of the Texas Cattle Growers' association, was down for the leading paper on this subject, but he was not present. Mr. Erwin is more of an oil man than a stock man, but he has written a valuable paper. He believes a 4-cent cotton will drive thousands of farmers to growing grain and to feeding small herds of cattle. The interests of the farmer and the cattleman are mutually beneficial, and of one depending in great measure upon the success of the other.

At this juncture A. S. Reed of Fort Worth arose and said he desired to ask Prof. Connell if the State had not failed in any manner assisted in carrying out the experiments at College Station.

In reply to the question Prof. Connell said he was a little bit sore on that point. He regretted to say that the State had not done a thing that the aid the college had come from the Federal government, a regular appropriation of \$15,000 a year being made for that purpose. He said the college was not a State institution, but a Federal one. Demands had been made upon the board of directors for these necessary things, some of which the board had agreed to ask the legislature to provide, but whether any of them would be granted or not was more than he could say.

A few remarks followed by different members, all declaring it was a shame that Texas is not more liberal with her expenditure of money. George B. Loving of Fort Worth then introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the live stock and agricultural industry of the State, and is, therefore, entitled to proper consideration at the hands of our State legislature; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the legislature of Texas be and is hereby requested to make liberal appropriations for successfully carrying out the experimental farms connected with the Agricultural and Mechanical college to the end that said farms may be properly stocked with the right kind of live stock, and that the Agricultural and Mechanical college be so conducted in future as to offer proper facilities for the education of Texas boys in agricultural, mechanical and live stock matters.

After the adoption of the resolution a motion was made and carried for the president to appoint a committee of three to wait upon the legislature now in session and urge the appropriation of funds for these purposes. The chair appointed A. S. Reed, R. K. Erwin and J. F. Green on the committee, to which the president of the association was made an ex-officio member.

The committee on sanitary matters submitted the following report, which was adopted without discussion:

To Hon. John T. Lytle, President Texas Live Stock Association:

Galveston, Texas, January 18.—Your committee appointed yesterday to report on the live stock sanitary conditions of the State has submitted the following report:

The short time allowed your committee for investigating and reporting on this important matter has been too limited to enable them to do anything but make a general survey of the live stock of Texas, as is well known, in rather an unsatisfactory condition, the live stock in different parts of the State being at times infected with various diseases, such as charbon, black-

leg, glanders, murrain, Texas or Southern fever and various other diseases. Your committee believe that by proper experiments in the hands of capable veterinarians, that the progress of all these diseases might be arrested and that many, and possibly all, of them might be stamped out entirely.

Your committee, however, regrets to say that notwithstanding the fact that the agricultural and live stock interests of Texas are among its chief industries, yet our legislature has so far failed to make sufficient appropriation to enable our sanitary board to take the necessary steps to stamp out the different diseases, to which our live stock are subjected, and while indolence the action of the live stock sanitary commission of the State we would ask that this association strongly urge the legislature now in session at Austin to increase the appropriation for live stock sanitary matters from \$4000 to \$10,000 per annum, and that so much of this amount as may be necessary be expended in employing the services and entire time and attention of the best veterinarian that can be procured and that such veterinarian under the direction of the State sanitary board give his time and attention to visiting the infected districts of the State, and, if possible, ascertain the cause and provide a remedy for the different diseases to which our live stock are subjected. We believe that with a competent veterinarian we would soon be provided with remedies by which the loss from these diseases could be greatly diminished and possibly entirely prevented.

We would recommend that this association not only adopt resolutions strongly urging prompt action on the part of the legislature, but that a committee of five capable stockmen and farmers be appointed by the president of this association to present the matter to the legislature and use their best efforts to secure favorable action. All of which is respectfully submitted. George B. Loving, Chairman.

A resolution calling upon the Texas representatives in the National congress to support the anti-scraping bill now pending in the senate was adopted.

What is known as the twenty-eight-hour law, which compels all transportation companies to unload stock in transit each twenty-eight hours for the purpose of feeding and watering, was declared to be unsatisfactory, and a resolution asking that the law be changed so as to make the time forty hours instead of twenty-eight was adopted. This is a Federal enactment, and congress will be petitioned to make the change and the Texas legislature will be asked to conform to any modifications that congress may make.

A memorial resolution on the death of Jot J. Smith of Grandview and H. G. Austin of San Antonio was adopted.

The report of the committee to select officers and a board of directors for the ensuing year was read, as follows:

Cyrus B. Lucas, president; Charles Schreiner, first vice president; Joseph F. Green, second vice president; Vories P. Brown, secretary and treasurer; J. A. F. of Austin, secretary and treasurer; John I. Clare, C. B. Lucas, Charles Schreiner, Joseph F. Green, Vories P. Brown, John T. Lytle, M. Reed, Frank P. Holland and G. E. King.

The report was adopted and Mr. Lucas was elected to the chair, whereupon the convention adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The afternoon was spent in taking a boat ride on the bay.

SHORT TEXAS SPECIALS.

SNYDER.—There is some excitement in the southern portion of Scurry county over whitecapping.

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LULING.—Rain for stock water is still badly needed, as all small streams and tanks are dry.

BEVILLE.—Cabbage and cauliflower are now being shipped from this place to Northern markets.

EDNA.—The bond of Mr. Williams, who killed the negro Sayles, was fixed at \$500, which he gave readily.

CORISCANA.—An organization of farmers to grow vegetables and melons for market is being talked of and may be formed.

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